

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

WHEREAS:

IN NEW YORK CITY, NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SAFETY, HEALTH, AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR RESIDENTS. BY CREATING MORE THAN 800 ACRES OF NEW PARKLAND AND HUNDREDS OF MILES OF BIKE LANES, POSTING CALORIE COUNTS AT RESTAURANTS, LAUNCHING AD CAMPAIGNS THAT PROMOTE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE, AND MORE, WE ARE HELPING NEW YORKERS ENJOY LONGER, HAPPIER, AND MORE ACTIVE LIVES; IN FACT, DURING OUR ADMINISTRATION, LIFE EXPECTANCY FOR NEW YORKERS HAS INCREASED BY THREE YEARS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED HEALTH OF OUR RESIDENTS, WE ARE STRIVING TO PROVIDE BETTER AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE TO EVEN MORE PEOPLE, AND THAT IS WHY WE ARE PLEASED TO COME TOGETHER WITH THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE IN CELEBRATING "NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK."

WHEREAS:

NEW YORK'S MANY HEALTH CENTERS PROVIDE EXCELLENT CARE TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR CITY, TREATING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES REGARDLESS OF THEIR INSURANCE STATUS OR ABILITY TO PAY. WITH SITES THROUGHOUT THE FIVE BOROUGHES, THESE CENTERS PREVENT UNNECESSARY HOSPITALIZATIONS AND HELP PATIENTS MANAGE OR PREVENT CHRONIC ILLNESSES THROUGH STATE-OF-THE-ART CARE. AND OUR ADMINISTRATION'S PARTNERSHIP WITH HEALTH CENTERS HAS HELPED CREATE THE NATION'S LARGEST NETWORK OF PHYSICIANS USING ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS TO PROVIDE BETTER HEALTH CARE TO PATIENTS. THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK, "CELEBRATING AMERICA'S HEALTH CENTERS: TRANSFORMING HEALTH CARE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES," RECOGNIZES ALL THAT THESE CENTERS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED.

WHEREAS:

NEW YORK CITY'S HEALTH CENTERS TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO EDUCATE OUR RESIDENTS, OFFERING GUIDANCE ON EVERYTHING FROM HOW TO KEEP ONESELF DISEASE-FREE TO AVAILABLE INSURANCE BENEFITS. THIS OCTOBER, NEW YORK STATE WILL LAUNCH THE HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE, AND OUR CITY'S HEALTH CENTERS WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN HELPING INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND SMALL BUSINESSES NAVIGATE THE NEW SYSTEM CREATED BY THE FEDERAL AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT, AND MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE. AS NEW YORK CITY WORKS TO PROVIDE EVEN MORE PEOPLE WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH, WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR HEALTH CENTERS CONTINUING TO MAKE A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE IN COUNTLESS LIVES FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AUGUST 11TH—17TH, 2013 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK"




MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG
MAYOR

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SET MY HAND AND SEAL, AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO BE AFFIXED.